

In the Specification

Page 11, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 15 as follows:

Sensing system 52 detects the position of the mouse in its planar degrees of freedom, e.g. along the X and Y axes. In the described embodiment, sensing system 52 includes a standard mouse ball ~~54~~45 for providing directional input to the computer system. Ball 45 is a sphere that extends partially out the bottom surface of the mouse and rolls in a direction corresponding to the motion of the mouse on a planar surface 22. For example, when the mouse 40 is moved in a direction indicated by arrow 56 (y direction), the ball rotates in place in a direction shown by arrow 58. The ball motion can be tracked by a cylindrical roller 60 which is coupled to a sensor 62 for detecting the motion of the mouse. A similar roller and sensor 28 can be used for the x-direction which is perpendicular to the y-axis.